GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3067
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EXPORT OF WHEAT TO IRAQ
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq has made an offer of importing five lakh tonnes of wheat from India under the food for oil scheme; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : No specific offer for importing 5 lakh tonnes of wheat from India under the Food for Oil Scheme has been received from Iraq. India and Iraq have been discussing the possibility of a Counter Trade Arrangement,which would enable Iraq to effect import of certain food items (especially wheat) against export of crude oil and oil products. An understanding has been reached in principle based on the mutual interest of both countries.